

Amendment No. 1 to SB1763

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1763*

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By deleting Section 1 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-29-151(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The commissioner of health shall direct these funds, subject to the approval of the commissioner of finance and administration, to programs designed to enhance health access. Such programs may include, but not be limited to funding for services provided by federally qualified health centers, recruitment incentives, community initiatives, service-linked training opportunities, support for high technology/telecommunications efforts and other strategies to expand primary, obstetric and dental health care services in underserved areas. Pursuant to a finding of need by the commissioner, the health access program may also address the lack of adequate access in underserved areas to other health care providers and health care services such as emergency medicine, mental health care and prevention treatment services for low income, pregnant substance abusers.